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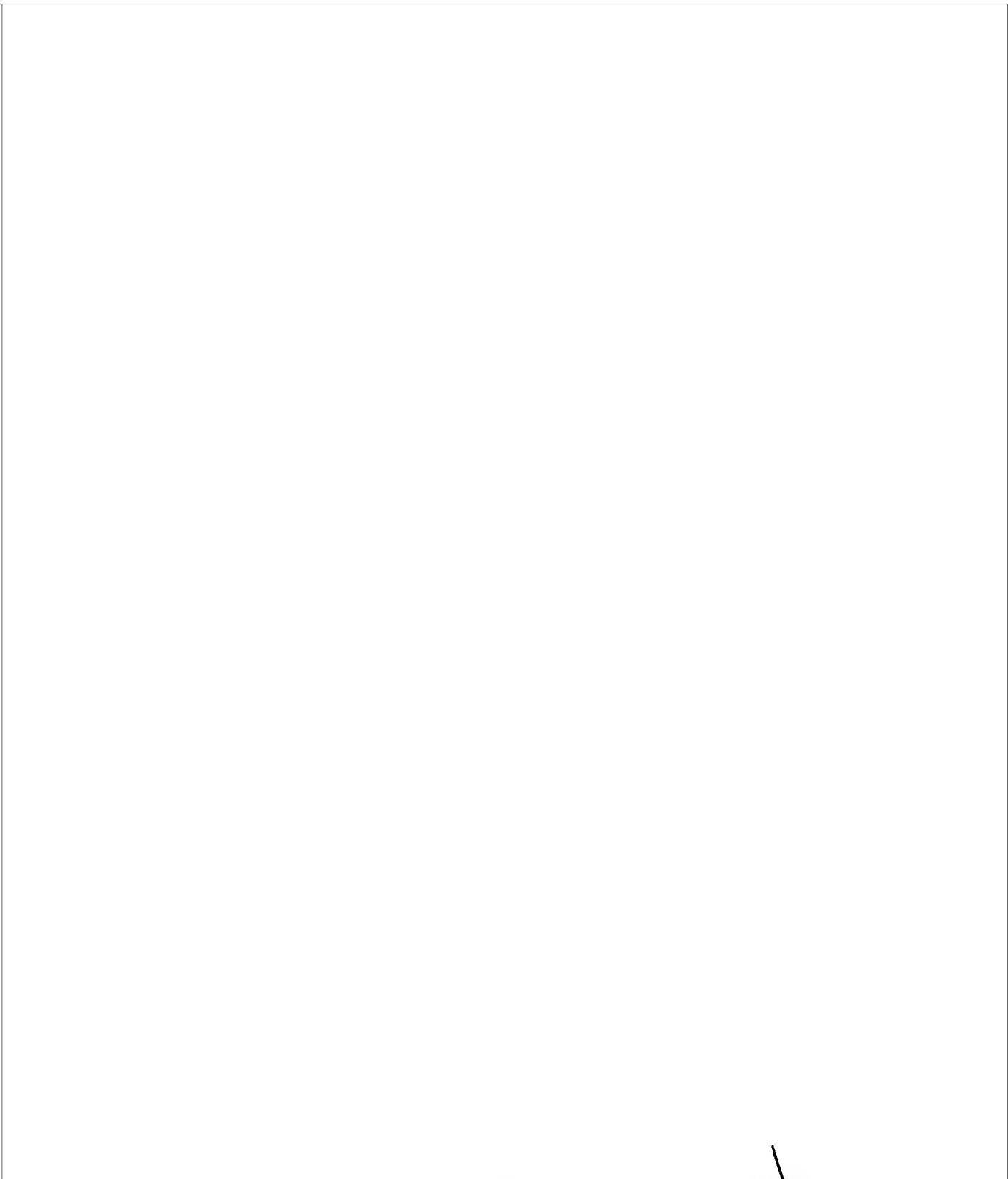


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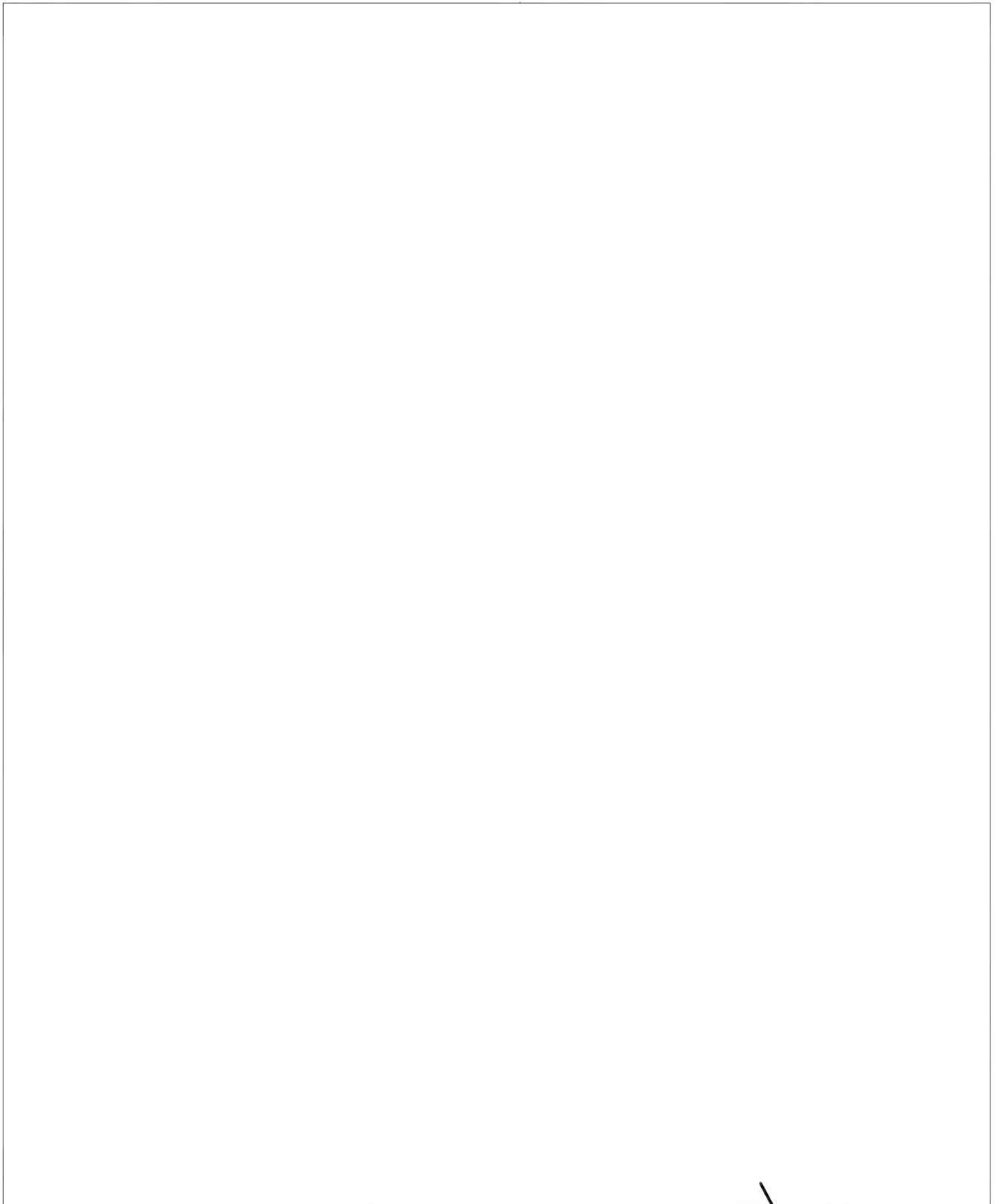


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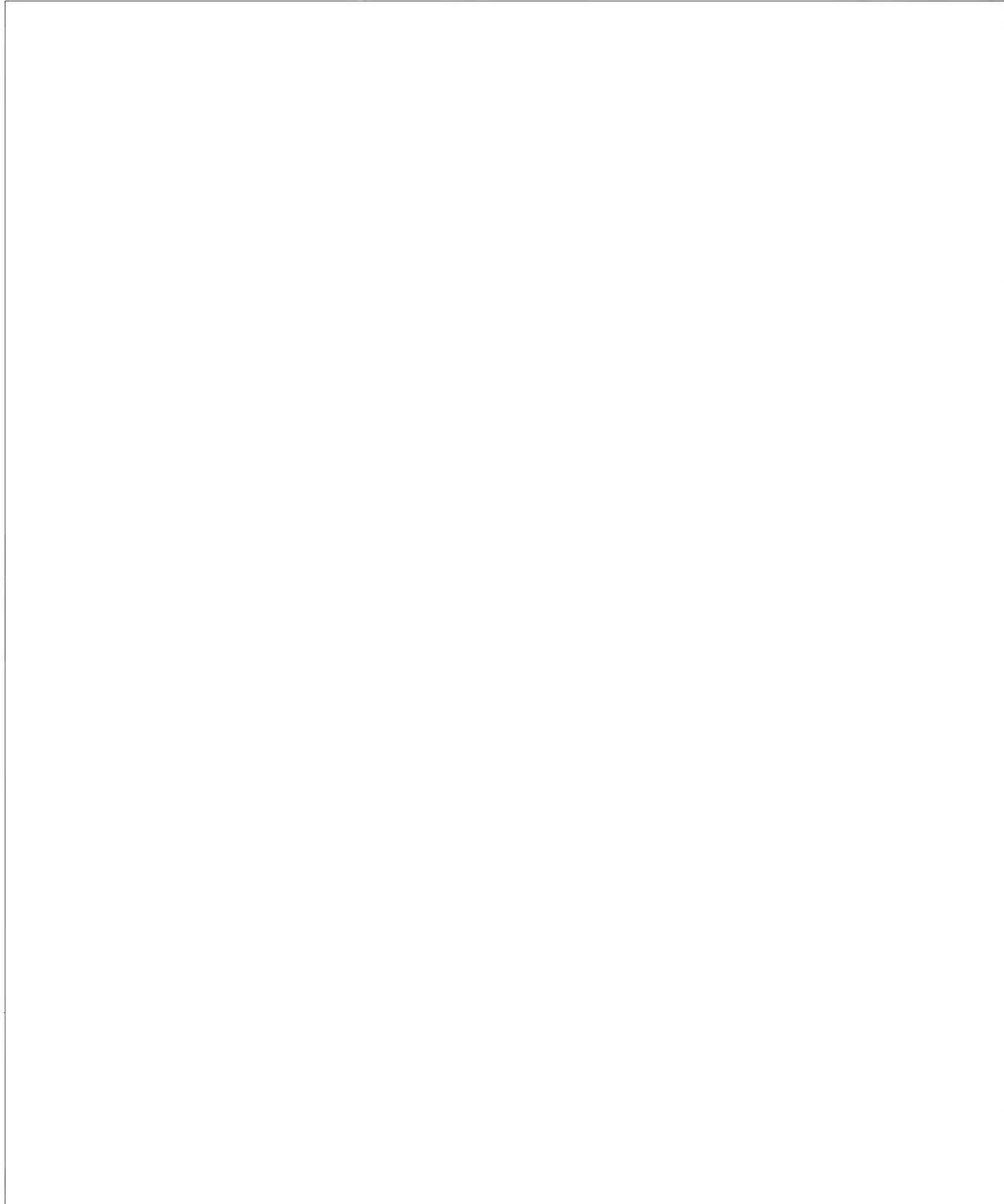


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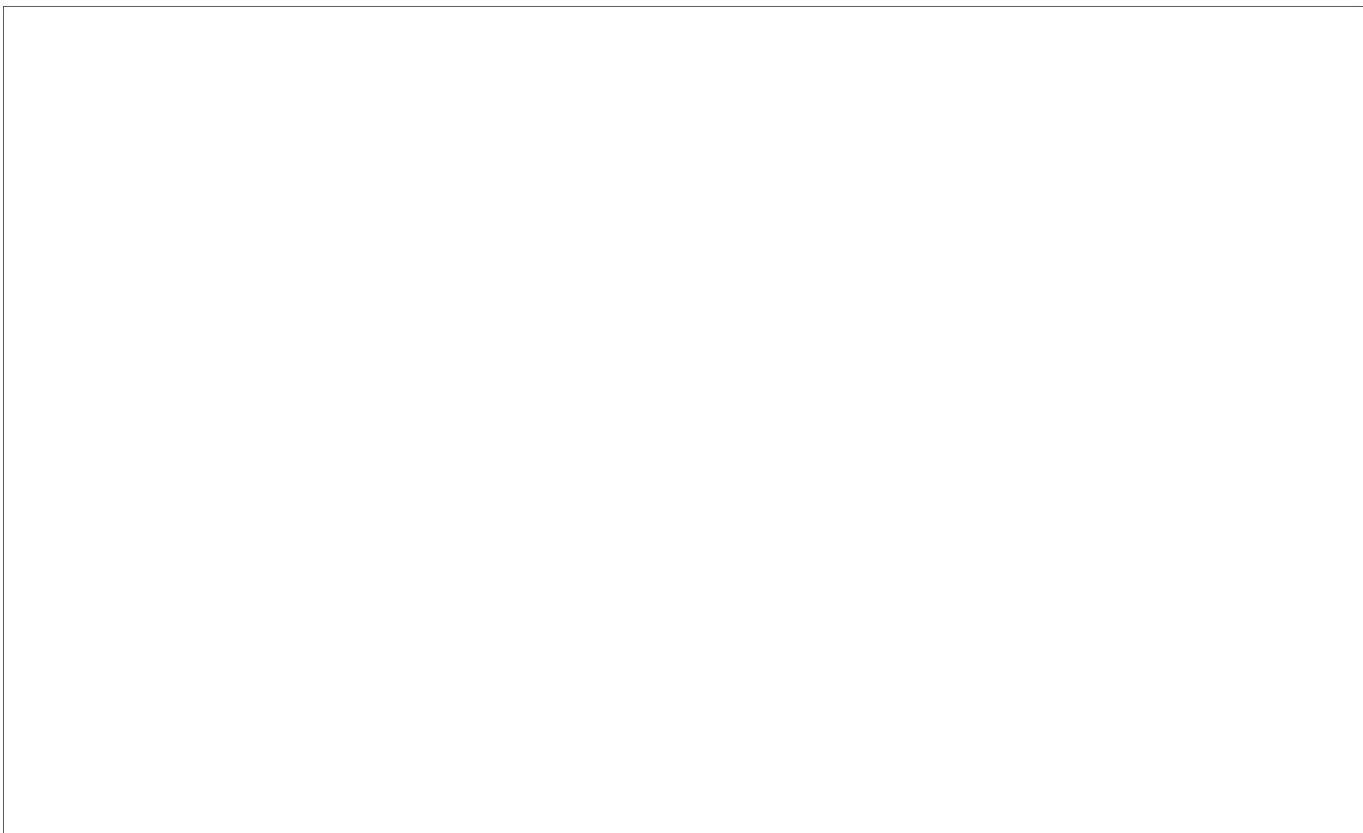


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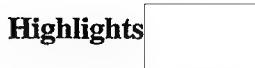
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## The Terrorism Diary for May-July 2000

*Below is a compendium of May, June, and July dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Inclusion of a date or event does not suggest that we anticipate a commemorative terrorist event.*

- 1 May** *Socialist World.* May Day (commemorates labor violence in Chicago).
- 1 May 1980** *Peru.* Destruction of electoral material in Chuschi, Cangallo Province, marks beginning of armed struggle by Sendero Luminoso; anniversary is commemorated by acts of violence throughout May, but especially on 16 May.
- 2 May 2000** *Jewish World.* Commemoration of the Holocaust.
- 6 May 1900** *Iran.* Birthday of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.
- 10 May 2000** *Israel.* Independence Day.
- 14 May 1948** *Middle East.* Beginning of first Arab-Israeli war.
- 15 May 1948** *Palestinians.* Palestine Day (end of UN mandate); 15 May Organization, founded in 1979 by remnant of Special Operations Group of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), takes its name from this event.
- 17 May 1983** *Lebanon, Israel.* Signing of troop withdrawal accord—known as 17 May Agreement.
- 26 May 1991** *Georgia.* Independence Day.
- 30 May 1972** *Israel.* Japanese Red Army massacre at Lod Airport, Tel Aviv-Yafo.
- June 2000** *Jordan.* First anniversary of King Abdallah II's ascension to throne.
- 1 June 1976** *Palestinians.* During this month, Syria entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange and against the Palestinians and their Muslim allies. In response, Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group—then based in Iraq—the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets.
- 3 June 1989** *Iran.* Death of Ayatollah Khomeini.
- 4 June 1982** *Israel, Lebanon.* First Israeli bombing of Beirut.
- 5 June 1963** *Iran.* National Day of Mourning; Revolution Day; Day of Uprising, to commemorate the arrest of Ayatollah Khomeini by police under the Shah.

- 5 June 1967*      *Middle East.* Beginning of the Six-Day War.
- 6 June 1982*      *Israel, Lebanon.* Israeli forces invade Lebanon.
- 6 June 1984*      *India.* Army storms the Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar.
- 8 June 1967*      *Palestinians.* Founding of Palestinian terrorist group Sa'iqah, a.k.a. Thunderbol.
- 9 June 1984*      *Peru.* Launching of guerrilla action by MRTA; the takeover of a radio station in Lima.
- 18 June 1953*      *Egypt.* Evacuation Day, which is the anniversary of the proclamation of the republic.
- 25 June 1964*      *Mozambique.* Founding of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique.
- 25 June 1996*      *Saudi Arabia.* Truck bombing of Khobar Towers facility in Dharan, in which 19 US servicemen were killed and hundreds of others were wounded.
- 26 June 1995*      *Ethiopia.* Attempted assassination of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.
- Italy.* Arrest of 13 members of the Egyptian al-Gama'at al-Islamiyyah in Milan.
- 28 June 1988*      *Greece.* Revolutionary Organization 17 November car bomb kills US Navy Capt. William Nordeen.
- 1 July 1867*      *Canada.* Dominion Day.
- 3 July 1988*      *Iran.* USS Vincennes shoots down Iran Air Flight 655 in Persian Gulf.
- 3 July 1976*      *Uganda.* Israeli forces conduct a successful hostage rescue operation in Entebbe.
- 4 July 1776*      *United States.* Independence Day.
- 4 July 1946*      *Philippines.* Republic Day—date on which the Philippines became an independent republic.
- 5 July 1962*      *Algeria.* Independence Day.
- 9 July 1929*      *Morocco.* Birthday of King Hassan II.
- 10 July 1978*      *Mauritania.* Armed Forces Day—commemorates military coup.
- 12 July 1690*      *Northern Ireland.* Orangemen's Day—Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne.
- 14 July 1789*      *France.* Bastille Day.

- 14 July 1958**      *Iraq.* Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic).
- 15 July 1946**      *Brunei.* Sultan's birthday.
- 17 July 1968**      *Iraq.* Revolution Day—Ba'th Party coup.
- 18 July 1988**      *Greece.* Abu Nidal organization carried out attack on the cruise ship "City of Poros," killing nine persons and injuring 98.
- 18 July 1994**      *Argentina.* Hizballah bombs AMIA cultural center in Buenos Aires.
- 20 July 1974**      *Cyprus.* Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day—commemorates intervention by Turkish forces.
- 23 July 1952**      *Egypt.* National Day—commemorates military coup ousting King Farouk.
- 23 July 1970**      *Oman.* Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos.
- 25 July 1957**      *Tunisia.* Proclamation of republic.
- 25 July 1996**      *France.* Bomb kills seven persons, wounds 117 on Paris commuter train. Algerian Armed Islamic Group responsible.
- 26 July 1956**      *Egypt.* Nationalization of Suez Canal.
- 28 July 1821**      *Peru.* Independence Day.
- 28 July 1989**      *Lebanon.* Abduction by Israel of Hizballah cleric Shaykh Ubayd.
- 31 July**      *Spain, France.* St. Ignatius' Day—patron saint of Basques.
- 31 July 1969**      *Spain, France.* Founding of Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA).  


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## Chronology of International Terrorism—January-April 2000

*The following incidents have met the criteria for the Intelligence Community's Incident Review Panel since publication of the previous issue of the Terrorism Review. These incidents are the basis for the State Department's Patterns of Global Terrorism, published annually as the US Government's official record of international terrorism.*

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**Africa**

**4 March**

*Uganda: In Kampala, armed militants kidnapped two Italian missionaries, according to press reports.* The hostages were released unharmed several hours later. *The Lord's Resistance Army is probably responsible.* [redacted]

**14 March**

*Nigeria: In Lagos, armed youths occupied Shell Oil Company buildings and held hostage 30 Nigerian employees and four guards of the Anglo-Dutch-owned company, according to press reports.* On 15 March, the Nigerian Army stormed the buildings and released the hostages unharmed. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

**30 March**

*Kenya: Armed militants fired on a United Nations (UN) aircraft carrying nine persons as it took off from the Juba City airport.* [redacted] Only minor damage to the aircraft was reported, and there were no injuries. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

**7 April**

*Nigeria: Armed militants kidnapped 40 persons—15 British, 15 French, and 10 Korean—from a housing estate of the Elf Aquitaine Oil Company, according to press reports.* The 40 hostages were released unharmed several hours later. Disgruntled landowners demanding money and jobs are suspected. [redacted]

**12 April**

*Namibia: Near Caprivi and Kavango, militants blew up electrical pylons, bringing construction in the area to a standstill, according to press reports.* National Union for the Total Independence of Angola militants may be responsible. [redacted]

**14 April**

*Nigeria: In Warri, armed militants kidnapped 19 employees of the Noble Oil Drilling Company, a firm contracted by the Anglo-Dutch-owned Shell Oil Company, according to press reports.* Ijaw youths are probably responsible. [redacted]

**Asia**

**27 February**

*India: In New Delhi, a bomb exploded at a railroad station, injuring eight persons and causing major damage,* [redacted] Indian authorities suspect Kashmiri militants or Sikhs are responsible. [redacted]

**3 March**

*India: In Sirhind, a bomb exploded on a bus traveling from Jammu City to Delhi, killing eight persons and injuring seven others,* [redacted] The Indian Government suspects either Kashmiri militants or Sikhs are responsible. [redacted]

**21 March**

*India: Armed militants killed 35 Sikhs in Chadisinghpura Village, according to press reports.* Police officers arrested a Muslim militant who confessed to helping two groups—*Lashkar-Y-Tayiba and Hizbul Mujahideen*, the two principal Muslim groups in Kashmir—suspected in the massacre. [redacted]

**27 March**

*India: Armed militants threw a grenade at a group of police officers but missed their target, killing three civilians and injuring 11 other bystanders in Srinagar, according to press reports.* The *Hizbul Mujahideen* may be responsible. [redacted]

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- 4 April *Pakistan: Armed militants in Peshawar fired on an Afghan vehicle killing the Afghan Governor of the Taliban-held northern Afghan Province of Kunduz and his militia commander and wounding his driver and accompanying passenger, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- 12 April *India: In Srinagar, militants using a remote-controlled device blew up a car packed with explosives near an army convoy, killing one bystander, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- 14 April *India: A bomb exploded in Srinagar, damaging the Kashmir radio station and a tourist reception area next door, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- 15 April *India: Armed militants in Tripura killed 12 persons, wounded seven others, and torched several huts, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- Eurasia
- 29 February *Serbia: In Srbica, press accounts reported unidentified assailants shot and killed a Russian KFOR soldier who was on patrol. A 15-year-old ethnic Albanian was arrested.* [redacted]  
*Serbia: Near Pristina, press accounts reported an unidentified gunman shot a UN official in his leg. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- 3 April *Bosnia: In Modrica, press accounts reported unidentified individuals threw a grenade near a US SFOR vehicle on patrol, causing minor damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- Europe
- 3 March *Spain: In Bilbao, [redacted] a group of unidentified individuals threw several Molotov cocktails at a Citroen car dealership, causing minor damage but no injuries. The attack bears the Basque Fatherland and Liberty hallmark.* [redacted]
- 10 March *Greece: In Athens, press accounts reported unidentified arsonists set fire to and destroyed a diplomatic vehicle belonging to the Japanese Embassy. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]
- 29 March *Greece: In Athens, press accounts reported unidentified arsonists set fire to and destroyed two parked vehicles belonging to the German Embassy. A telephone caller to a local radio station claimed responsibility on behalf of a group calling itself the Anarchist Faction for the Overthrow.* [redacted]
- 30 March *Italy: [redacted] bomb disposal experts discovered and defused an explosive device planted at the American University of Rome. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]

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19 April

*France: In Quevert, press accounts reported a bomb exploded at a McDonald's restaurant, killing one person and causing major damage. Although no one claimed responsibility, police [redacted] suspect the Breton Liberation Army (ARB). Nine persons associated with ARB were arrested.* [redacted]

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*Belize: In Belize City, press accounts reported unidentified individuals threw an explosive device at the Guatemalan Embassy, causing minor damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility*

**10 March** *El Salvador: Near San Antonio Pajonal, unidentified gunmen kidnapped a US citizen and his El Salvadoran nephew from their vehicle. On 21 March, the hostages were released unharmed in exchange for a ransom of \$34,000. No one claimed responsibility*

**3 April** *Venezuela: In Bello Monte, press accounts reported bomb disposal experts removed and defused a letter bomb that unidentified individuals sent to the Lebanese Embassy. No one claimed responsibility*

**11 April** *Colombia: In Cali, suspected ELN guerrillas bombed three distinct Mormon temples, causing minor damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility*

**13 April** *Colombia: Near Cadena, press accounts reported a bomb exploded on the Cano-Limon Covenas oil pipeline, causing major damage and suspending oil production for several days. Police suspect either FARC or ELN rebels. No one claimed responsibility*

#### Middle East

**2 March** *Yemen: Armed tribesmen kidnapped the Polish Ambassador, according to press reports. On 4 March, the Ambassador was released unharmed. The Khawlan Tribe claimed responsibility*

**16 March** *Saudi Arabia: In Jiddah, unidentified gunmen fired gunshots at the Russian Consulate, causing minor damage, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility*

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## Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—February-April 2000

*The incidents listed below provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide.*

### Africa

#### *Angola*

On 21 March in Beu region, armed militants crucified and killed six children, according to press reports. *The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA)* is probably responsible [redacted]

On 31 March in Luanda, armed militants attacked a convoy of civilian cars, killing 19 persons and injuring 11 others, according to press reports. *UNITA* is probably responsible [redacted]

On 23 April in Uige, two vehicles hit two antitank landmines, killing 33 persons and injuring 17 others, according to press reports. *UNITA* is probably responsible. [redacted]

#### *Kenya*

On 21 March in Nairobi, militants threw an explosive device at a Supreme Court justice's private residence, killing two employees, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

#### *Uganda*

On 7 March in Kitgum District, militants attacked a displaced person's camp killing 10 persons and wounding 36 others, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

### Asia

#### *Afghanistan*

On 16 April in Badakhshan, a bomb exploded at a scrap metal outlet, killing six persons and injuring 13 others, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

#### *Bangladesh*

On 1 March in Sonargon, an improvised explosive device exploded in a tennis complex causing minor damage, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

#### *India*

On 16 March in Delhi, a bomb exploded in a crowded marketplace injuring seven persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 13 April in Calcutta, three bombs exploded in the Sealdah train station, injuring seven persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

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*Pakistan*

On 25 March in Karachi, a bomb exploded in a crowded marketplace killing two persons and injuring one other, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 7 April in Rawalpindi, a bomb exploded in a grain market, injuring four persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 12 April in Mallow Wali, armed militants cut telephone lines to the village, threw grenades into a mosque, and opened fire on the congregation, killing 15 persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

*Sri Lanka*

On 10 March in Colombo, armed militants attacked the advance security vehicle of the Deputy Defense Minister using rocket-propelled grenades, handgrenades, and automatic weapons, killing 22 persons and wounding 47 others, according to press reports. The *Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)* is probably responsible [redacted]

On 7 April in Girwelkanda, LTTE members killed 11 police officers, two civilians, and wounded four others, according to press reports [redacted]

*Eurasia*

*Azerbaijan*

On 22 March in Stepanakert, [redacted] unidentified gunmen opened fire on the Nagorno-Karabakh presidential convoy, injuring the president, his driver, and his bodyguard. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 11 April in Irkutsk, press accounts reported four masked gunmen broke into the Azeri Cultural Center and opened fire with assault rifles and a handgrenade, killing five persons and injuring two others. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

*Russia*

On 16 March in St. Petersburg, according to press reports, a grenade exploded at an apartment building entrance, causing minor damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 30 March near Moscow, press accounts reported bomb disposal experts defused an explosive device discovered at the Sheremetyevo-1 Airport. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 3 April in the Novolak District, [redacted] a bomb exploded inside a bus, killing two persons and injuring three others. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 7 April in Krasnodar, [redacted] a car bomb exploded, killing a local political official and three other persons. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 13 April near Samara, a bomb exploded on a section of the Mokrousov-Tolyatya gas pipeline, causing a major fire but no injuries. [redacted]

No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

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*Ukraine*

On 20 April in Brovary, press accounts reported a bomb exploded inside an apartment building, killing three persons and injuring four others. No one claimed responsibility.

*Europe*

*Corsica*

On 15 April in Bonifacio, [redacted] a bomb exploded inside a popular discotheque, causing major damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility.

On 21 April in Sagone, a bomb exploded at a bank, causing major damage but no injuries, according to press accounts. No one claimed responsibility.

*France*

On 10 March in Argentre du Plessis, according to press reports, unidentified individuals bombed a tax office, causing extensive damage but no injuries. Police suspect the *Breton Revolutionary Army*. No one claimed responsibility.

*Greece*

On 5 March in Thessaloniki, [redacted] unidentified individuals threw seven Molotov cocktails at offices belonging to a local bank, causing significant damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility.

On 9 March in Athens, according to press reports, unidentified individuals firebombed an office belonging to the *Friends of the Police*, causing major damage but no injuries. No one claimed responsibility.

On 11 April in Athens, [redacted] unidentified arsonists set fire to and destroyed a parked vehicle. No one claimed responsibility.

*Northern Ireland*

On 25 February in Belfast, press accounts reported *Irish Republican Army* officials discovered and defused an explosive device planted outside the entrance to a Sinn Fein office. No one claimed responsibility.

On 3 March in Belfast, according to press reports, unidentified gunmen shot a 17-year-old boy in his right knee in an apparent "punishment" attack. The attack bears the hallmark of a Northern Ireland paramilitary group.

On 20 March in Glenarm, press accounts reported unidentified individuals firebombed a residence, injuring two persons and causing minor damage. The attack bears the hallmark of a Northern Ireland paramilitary group.

On 1 April in Belfast, press accounts reported unidentified masked gunmen shot a man in his legs in an apparent "punishment" attack. The attack bears the hallmark of a Northern Ireland paramilitary group.

On 6 April in Londonderry, a bomb exploded on a British Army base, causing minor damage but no injuries, according to press reports. The attack bears the hallmark of a Northern Ireland paramilitary group. [redacted]

On 13 April in Rosslea, County Fermanagh, press accounts reported *Continuity Irish Republican Army* members fired a mortar round on a Royal Ulster Constabulary police station, causing minor damage to a nearby parked vehicle but no injuries [redacted]

*Spain*

On 3 March in Xirivella, unidentified arsonists set fire to and destroyed offices belonging to the United Left, according to press accounts. Posters displayed nearby claimed responsibility on behalf of a group calling itself the *Armageddon National Socialist Brotherhood*. [redacted]

On 6 March in San Sebastian, according to press reports, a car bomb exploded, injuring six civilians and two civil guards. The attack bears the *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* hallmark [redacted]

On 18 March in Renteria, [redacted] six or seven masked individuals set fire to offices belonging to the Socialist Party, injuring one person and causing significant damage. The attack bears the *ETA* hallmark [redacted]

On 13 April in Guriezo, press accounts reported *ETA* members set fire to a television station receiver, causing major damage. A telephone caller to a local newspaper claimed responsibility on behalf of the *ETA* [redacted]

On 21 April in Vitoria, according to press reports, unidentified individuals fire-bombed a residence belonging to a local police officer, causing major damage but no injuries. The attack bears the *ETA* hallmark [redacted]

On 22 April near Bilbao, press accounts reported unidentified individuals fire-bombed the residence of the mayor of Trapaga, causing moderate damage but no injuries. The attack bears the hallmark of the *ETA* [redacted]

*Turkey*

On 16 March in Istanbul, press accounts reported unidentified armed assailants ambushed a police vehicle, injuring one police officer. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 26 March in Istanbul, according to press reports, unidentified assailants staged an armed attack on a sports facility, injuring 15 persons and causing minor damage. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

On 10 April in Istanbul, a bomb exploded inside a courthouse, injuring one person and causing minor damage, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]

## Latin America

### *Colombia*

On 14 March in Medellin, press accounts reported suspected *Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)* militants hurled three gas tanks at the police headquarters, killing two persons and injuring ten others. In addition, the explosion damaged 45 buildings. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 25 March in Vigia del Fuerte, press accounts reported suspected *FARC* rebels ambushed a village and killed 21 police officers, the local mayor, and seven others. The rebels also took hostage 11 other police officers. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 26 March in Girardot, [redacted] a vehicle bomb exploded at a marketplace, killing one 17-year-old auxiliary police officer and injuring 32 others, including six police officers. The explosion also destroyed several buildings. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 30 March in Cachipay, press accounts reported a vehicle bomb exploded outside the mayor's office, killing four persons, injuring 14 others, and damaging several buildings and vehicles nearby. Police suspect the *FARC*. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 3 April near Cesar, [redacted] suspected *National Liberation Army (ELN)* rebels kidnapped 23 persons at a roadblock and set fire to 10 vehicles. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 10 April in Trujillo, Department of del Cauca, [redacted] suspected *FARC* or *ELN* militants shot and killed five peasants. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

On 14 April near Medellin, according to press reports, suspected *FARC* guerrillas killed three persons, including a local political official, and kidnapped 12 others at a fake roadblock. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

## Middle East

### *Algeria*

On 2 March in Larbaa, armed militants killed 10 persons and wounded three others when they broke into a private residence, according to press reports. The *Armed Islamic Group (GIA)* is probably responsible. [redacted]

On 2 March in Medea, armed militants killed three persons and wounded three others, according to press reports. The *GIA* is probably responsible. [redacted]

On 3 March in M'guetta, armed militants entered a private residence, killing nine members of one family, according to press reports. The *GIA* is probably responsible. [redacted]

In Abou El Hassen on 12 March, two bombs exploded in a weekly market killing one person and injuring 13 others, according to press reports. The GIA is probably responsible. [redacted]

On 27 March in Bordj El Emir, a bomb hidden in the middle of the road exploded, killing six persons and injuring five others, according to press reports. The GIA is probably responsible. [redacted]

On 4 April in El H'ranfa, according to press reports, a bomb exploded in an outdoor marketplace, killing two persons and injuring seven others. The GIA is probably responsible. [redacted]

On 13 April in Attatba, a bomb exploded in an outdoor market, killing 10 persons and injuring five others. The GIA is probably responsible. [redacted]

*Israel (and West Bank)*

On 6 March on the Jerusalem-Hebron road, armed militants fired on an Israeli bus, damaging the front windshield, according to press reports. Authorities suspect the Islamic Resistance Movement (HAMAS). [redacted]

On 8 March in Bethlehem, militants fired upon an Israeli settler's car carrying several passengers, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility [redacted]